

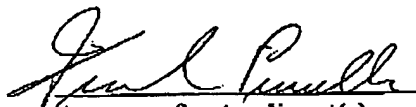
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to more precisely and clearly define the present invention. In particular, amended independent claims 47, 65 and 69 specifically set forth that the interactive device is designed to provide self-generating interaction with one or more users, the device having information obtaining means for independently obtaining the identity of one or more users and for determining at least one aspect of the local environment which the interactive device is located at the time of operation of said interactive device. This becomes very important in that the present invention is designed to obtain information with regard to the user by itself independently of operation or entries made by the user. Additionally, obtaining of information is done at real time in the local environment and using this information in deciding how to respond with the users in the local area.

This is in complete contrast to the Gershman reference. The Gershman reference does not teach or suggest the obtaining of information independently. Quite the contrary, the only way it obtains information is obtained by the user inputting information. Further, any learned data as set forth at column 48 of Gershman is obtained through the history of inputs made by the user and not by independently monitoring information in the local environment that is used at the time of operation of the device in order to interact with the user. Thus, the Gershman reference fails to teach two very important aspects of the present invention.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims in their present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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